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In the Application of )

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on A METHOD AND A MACHINE FOR )  
EXTRACTING, BY EVAPORATION, )  
SOLID RESIDUE CONTAINED IN A )  
FLUID MATTER )

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests preliminary amendments be made to the  
specification and claims of the United States patent application identified above, as  
indicated in the enclosed marked up copy. The amendments have been made to  
the English translation (also enclosed without amendments) of the original PCT  
International Application Serial No. PCT/FR99/03283 as filed and from which the

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present application claims priority. A clean copy of the amended (Substitute Application) specification and claims is also enclosed.

The proposed changes are requested to put the specification in a form acceptable to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and present claims 1 to 26 in the same form as presented for the International Preliminary Examination without multiple dependencies as well as (2) new claims. Applicant respectfully submits that the requested amendments do not add any new matter into the present application.

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